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Long May It Wave  
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**Baby Race Dies.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fallous Race, of Kal-  
amazoo, passed through the city Fri-  
day night on their way to Greenville,  
with the remains of their little son,  
Gilbert, four years old, who died at  
1 o'clock last Wednesday morning  
from the effects of ptomaine poison-  
ing. The little fellow ate some bo-  
logna, which was supposed to have  
been pickled and instead was poison-  
ed, Tuesday evening for supper. He  
was restless that night and Wednes-  
day at noon showed decided signs of  
fever. Despite everything that medi-  
cal aid could do for him, he died at  
1 o'clock Wednesday morning. He  
was four years, four months and 22  
days old. His funeral was held at  
Kalamazoo and a brief prayer service  
held at the home of Mrs. Race's sis-  
ter, Mrs. D. W. Bannister at Green-  
ville, Saturday morning. Mr. and  
Mrs. Race are visiting at the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grinnell and other  
relatives and friends in this city  
for a few days. The little fellow is  
survived besides his parents by a sev-  
en-year-old sister, Cuna.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Fred Ing and  
family and Mrs. Emma Knox left on  
Monday morning by auto for a three  
weeks' visit with relatives and  
friends at Tonawanda, N. Y., their  
former home.

## CENTRAL STATE NORMAL IS NOW TRAINING UNIT

### WILL ASSIST IN TRAINING OF BOYS OF THIS DISTRICT FOR WAR SERVICE.

The war department has officially  
designated Central Michigan Normal  
school of Mt. Pleasant the location of  
a unit of the Student Army Training  
corps, to be under the direct supervi-  
sion of the war department and to  
provide military training for boys of  
central and northern Michigan, be-  
tween the ages of 18 and 21. An ar-  
my officer will be in charge, assisted  
by five men who are now being trained  
expressly for this purpose at gov-  
ernment expense at Fort Sheridan.  
Rifles, uniforms, overcoats and other  
equipment will be provided free by  
the war department.

The purpose of this special war de-  
partment plan is to train boys who  
have had a good preliminary educa-  
tion to become eligible to enter offi-  
cers' training camps, and for other  
specialized war service. The war  
department has further planned to  
supplement this training by a six  
weeks' intensive course at a summer  
camp at government expense, al-  
though it is possible that new draft  
regulations by congress may upset  
this part of the plan so far as the older  
boys are concerned.

Central Michigan Normal school is  
receiving frequent instructions from  
the war department by telegram and  
letters and will at any time commu-  
nicate the most recent information in  
reply to inquiries from eligible boys  
or their parents. This office has on  
hand a copy of a circular, issued by  
the school, which covers all details of  
the plan indicated by the war depart-  
ment to date. A copy will be mailed  
by Central Michigan Normal school to  
any parent or boy requesting it.

**First Fine Tomatoes.**  
The first real good meal which we  
have had in some time came this noon  
when we took five large Ferris Wheel  
tomatoes which James Munn, the  
gardener at the Richardson Silk Co.  
brought to this office the other day for  
exhibition, home and had the missus  
prepare them for dinner. That is  
part of them, for even though we  
carry a large appetite with us we  
could not get away with more than  
three of them for the family. The  
tomatoes were prize winners if they  
would have been given the chance to  
win a prize and were of about as good  
quality as any we have ever glimpsed.  
Bring on some more, you people who  
want a chance to beat Jim Munn's to-  
matoes and we'll see about it.

**Improving Looks of Postoffice.**  
Painters are at work this week de-  
corating the interior of the postoffice  
and are certainly doing a good job. The  
ceiling which had become quite cov-  
ered with coal smoke, looked as if the  
place was to be made entirely new  
with paint, etc. The Belding Land  
& Improvement Co., through its man-  
ager, W. P. Hetherington, owners of  
the building, are constantly on the  
alert to keep any of their buildings  
and premises right up to the minute  
in appearance and neatness.

## NEW SUPT. OF SCHOOLS GETS GOOD EXPERIENCE

When S. J. Skinner, the new super-  
intendent of schools, finished his last  
year's work at Ann Arbor and was de-  
ciding how best to put in the summer  
he thought of many different things  
at which he might busy himself until  
the time came for him to come to this  
city and get ready for the work ahead  
of him in the coming school year. The  
ordinary summer work usually taken  
up and followed by other people of  
the teaching profession failed to ap-  
peal to him as just the right line for  
this year, when on account of the ex-  
traordinary conditions brought about  
by the war and other causes, he de-  
cided it the patriotic duty of every man  
to be engaged in some work which  
had to do with the greater production  
program on throughout the nation at  
the present time.

For that reason, instead of going  
out upon the road and selling some  
useless article or taking up some other  
agency work, Mr. Skinner decided to  
get into some factory and study the  
conditions under which the com-  
mercial articles of the nation were being  
produced during these strenuous war  
times. This would give him first  
hand knowledge and at the same time  
give him a first hand lot of informa-  
tion of the working conditions of the  
people who are the real producers—the  
men who work with their hands  
and strength—the laborers of the na-  
tion.

Consequently he secured employ-  
ment in a tractor factory and worked  
at common labor all during the past  
summer. He assembled engines, he  
tested them out, he worked at assem-  
bling tractors and he grabbed on to  
every various phase of the work car-  
ried on in this tractor factory during  
the time that he was there and he got  
just as greasy and dirty as any man  
in the whole shop. He was usually  
the most tired man who left the plant  
at night, but was one of the first back  
there in the morning and stuck to it  
gamely until two weeks ago, when  
the time being near at hand for the  
taking up of his work as head of the  
schools here he "resigned" his job and  
came here.

Mr. Skinner is a practical and ef-  
ficient man, a mixer and will make a  
hit with the Belding people and the  
Banner-News is glad to welcome this  
man and his family to this city.

**Noddins Reunion.**  
The descendants of Noddins fam-  
ily met at Riverside park, in Ionia, on  
Friday, August 8, for their annual  
reunion. Sixty-four members of the  
family were present, coming from  
Tawas, Butternut, Blanchard, Palo,  
Orleans, Ionia, Boston and Berlin  
townships.

After the greetings were over a very  
satisfying dinner (for war times),  
was served, to which old and young  
did splendid justice, victrola music  
helping to make them linger at the  
tables.

After the dinner the company was  
called to order by the president, who  
after a short address, called on the  
company to complete the program.  
"America" was sung, followed by a  
brief history of the family, proving to  
the satisfaction of all present that  
they are in no way related to the  
kaiser or his followers.

A fitting tribute was paid to the  
memory of Mrs. Charlotte Sherwood,  
the oldest member of the family, who  
died last January; also to Mrs. Laura  
Worden, who died last September.

Mrs. Adelbert Worden read a paper  
greatly appreciated by the ladies.  
This was followed by other readings,  
all enjoyed by the company. There  
was caused a feeling of sadness, the  
only one of the family overseas, was  
remembered by a letter written and  
signed by a majority of those present.  
Dr. H. M. Maynard was elected pres-  
ident, Adelbert Worden, vice presi-  
dent, Clara Aldrich, secretary and  
treasurer. A collection for the Red  
Cross and singing of "God Be With  
You 'Till We Meet Again" complet-  
ed the program. After posing for a  
family picture, the company dispersed  
to meet in 1919.

Mrs. Frank Fuller and daughters,  
Carrie, Bertha and Thelma and son  
John attended the Fuller reunion at  
Ionia last Thursday, 41 being present.

Mrs. John Bradley of Sand Lake is  
visiting at the home of her daughter,  
Mrs. Otto Oberlin.

## NATION'S FIGHT- ING STRENGTH TO BE GREATLY INCREASED

### PASSAGE OF NEW MAN-POWER BILL WILL PUT MILLIONS IN SUBJECT-TO-DRAFT STATUS.

The nation's man power bill which  
has been occupying the attention of  
both houses of congress for some time  
and which has been held up by some  
members of congress in both houses  
who lacked a sufficient amount of  
brains or patriotism to get behind  
the measure and give it speedy pas-  
sage, has finally passed and is a law.  
Several attempts were made by sena-  
tors and representatives to get in  
crippling amendments which would  
have been hindrances to the workings  
of the provisions of the law, but the  
bill passed both houses of congress  
practically as it started out and after  
conference between both houses and  
final adoption, the dates for register-  
ing the heaviest registration ever held  
in this nation will be set.

The bill provides for the registra-  
tion and being subject to draft call  
and military service of all men be-  
tween the ages of 18 and 45 and in  
conjunction with the present draft  
law which provided for the registra-  
tion of all men between the ages of  
21 and 31. It is estimated that up-  
ward of thirty million men through-  
out the nation will be affected by the  
provisions of the new law through  
the fact that they will have to register  
and become of draft age, an honor  
which has been held only by men be-  
tween the ages of 21 and 31 thus far.

It is the intention of the army  
heads to have an army of four million  
American fighters in France by next  
year and have one million more in  
training in the camps and canton-  
ments in this country ready to take  
the places of those who are incapaci-  
tated or killed.

**The Muskegon Chronicle Speaks.**  
"A century hence our descendants  
will look back on us of this age and  
wonder at the sort of creatures we  
must have been to deny to our women  
equal citizenship privileges, just as  
we look back less than that long and  
regard with a curious sort of pity for  
our forebears who refused a woman  
the right to practice law, medicine, to  
hold property, to testify in court and  
a lot of other barbarian customs that  
were handed down from the stone  
age. The old argument that the vote  
belongs only to those who can defend  
the government they establish and  
maintain by force of arms if neces-  
sary, does not count any longer in the  
anti-suffragist's manual of fallacies.  
Let Michigan wipe out the stain of  
its double defeat of suffrage a few  
years ago, and quit playing the un-  
chivalrous, narrow-minded, boorish  
role of the stone age."  
The above is from the Muskegon  
Chronicle, and needs no plainer state-  
ment for justice to Michigan women.

**School Opens Sept. 3.**  
The Belding public schools will open  
in all departments Tuesday morning  
Sept. 3 at 8:30.

On Saturday afternoon of this  
week, Supt. Skinner, Prin. Hockstad,  
and other members of the faculty will  
be at the high school from 1 to 4  
for consultation with pupils. All  
high school pupils who are in doubt  
as to their classification are urged  
to be present in order to prevent de-  
lay in getting started Tuesday.

Supt. Skinner will also be in his  
office from 9 to 11 Saturday morning.  
All teachers who have not had a con-  
ference with Mr. Skinner are request-  
ed to call some time Saturday.

**Guard Against Smut.**  
Preventable smuts destroy enough  
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## AT BELDING

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Many prizes given. Large American Flag given to Mill having  
greatest per cent of employees in parade. Decorated Bicycles, first  
prize \$5, second 3, third 1. Decorated Autos, first \$5, second 4,  
third 3. Floats, first \$5, second 3, third 1. Oldest Horse \$2.  
Biggest load of people \$5. Clowns, Horribles, Odd Costumes, Etc.  
Ladies', first \$5, second 3, third 1. Men's, first \$5, second 3,  
third 1.

## 3---BIG BANDS OF MUSIC---3

SPORTS, RACES, CONTESTS, ETC.

	1st	2nd	3rd		1st	2nd	3rd
Bicycle race	\$3	\$2	\$1	Wheelbarrow race	4	2	1
Shoe race	3	2	1	Sack race	3	2	1
Girls' 50 yard dash	3	2	1	Man, Monkey, Frog	3	2	1
Obstacle race	4	2	1	Tilting contest	4	2	1
Potato race	3	2	1	Pie eating contest	3	2	1
Canoe, singles	3	2	1	Doughnut eating con-			
Canoe, doubles	4	2	1	test	3	2	1
Half mile race	3	2	1	Diving for distance	3	2	1

Make Entries Early

## 4--Big Vaudeville Acts--4

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3 Lb. Can 35c R. M. C. Coffee 75c

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Bulk Macaroni, per lb. 15c  
Home Crown Osage Melons, 2 for 25c  
6 pkgs. 7c Noiseless Tip Matches 29c  
3 pkgs. Mince Meat for 25c  
Ginger Snaps, per lb. 16c  
Jelly Con, per pkg. 8c  
Kelloggs Corn Flakes, per pkg. 12c  
Lard Compound, per lb. 27c  
3 Lbs. Fancy Oregon Prunes 27c

SPECIAL 10 bars of any White Laundry Soap 57c

6 Small Cans Milk 35c  
6 Rolls Toilet Paper 25c  
35c Jars Pure Fruit or Berry Jam 25c  
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